

HOUSE RESOLUTION 8003

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor Sergeant William Lukens, Tennessee Air National Guard, on winning the 2021 Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body take great pleasure in honoring those members of the United States military who, throughout their distinguished careers, have served with honor, bravery, and an unswerving commitment to duty; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Sergeant William Lukens of the Tennessee Army National Guard, who won the 2021 Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition; and

WHEREAS, the competition is designed to test non-commissioned officers and junior enlisted leaders on their ability to perform soldier tasks under high-stress situations to reinforce warfighter skills; events include obstacle courses and ruck marches, weapons assembly and marksmanship, land navigation, first aid, radio operations, physical fitness challenges, and a test of urban warfare tactics; and

WHEREAS, a Murfreesboro native, Sergeant Lukens serves as a tactical power generator mechanic and member of the 208<sup>th</sup> Area Support Medical Company; and

WHEREAS, of the thirteen soldiers who competed in the final round of the Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition, Sergeant William Lukens emerged victorious as the Army National Guard Soldier of the Year; as the top finisher in the junior enlisted competition, he will represent Tennessee and the National Guard in the Department of the Army Best Warrior Competition scheduled to take place later in the year; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished tenure with the Tennessee Army National Guard, Sergeant Lukens has set a standard for effective leadership and personal excellence that we would all do well to emulate; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor Sergeant William Lukens, Tennessee Army National Guard, on winning the 2021 Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition and being named the Army National Guard Soldier of the Year and wish him much success in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.